

House Bill 1128

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization and administration of emergency management, so as to require the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to establish a state-wide planning and mapping system for the public buildings in this state to the extent money is available for such a system; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization and administration of emergency management, is amended by adding a new Code section 38-3-22.3, immediately following Code section 38-3-22.2, relating to the Airport Anti-terrorism Training Committee, to read as follows:

"38-3-22.3.

(a) To the extent funds are made available, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency shall establish a state-wide planning and mapping system for the public buildings in this state for use by response agencies that are called to respond to an act of terrorism or related emergency.

(b) The state-wide planning and mapping system shall include, without limitation:

(1) The type of information that must be included within the software program that comprises the system, including floor plans, fire protection information, building evacuation plans, utility information, known hazards, and information on how to contact emergency personnel;

(2) The manner by which the information prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection must be transferred to the system from the state agencies and the political subdivisions that participate in the system;

1 (3) Standards for the software that must be used by the state agencies and political
2 subdivisions that participate in the system;

3 (4) Conditions for use of the system by response agencies;

4 (5) Guidelines for the accessibility and confidentiality of information contained within
5 the system;

6 (6) In accordance with information obtained by the Georgia Emergency Management
7 Agency, a determination of the priority for distribution of any funds that may be available
8 for the state agencies and political subdivisions to participate in the system; and

9 (7) Guidelines recommended by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the
10 training of persons employed by response agencies concerning the use of the system.

11 (c) To the extent money is made available, state agencies and political subdivisions shall:

12 (1) Participate in the state-wide planning and mapping system; and

13 (2) Incorporate into their use of the system, without limitation:

14 (A) Evacuation routes and strategies for evacuation;

15 (B) Alarms and other signals or means of notification;

16 (C) Plans for sheltering in place; and

17 (D) Training and strategies for prevention in connection with attacks involving
18 violence.

19 (d) If a state agency or a political subdivision uses its own planning and mapping system
20 before the Georgia Emergency Management Agency establishes a state-wide planning and
21 mapping system, the state agency or political subdivision may continue to use its system
22 unless funds are made available for the state agency or political subdivision to update or
23 modify its system as necessary for inclusion in the state-wide system.

24 (e) The Georgia Emergency Management Agency:

25 (1) Shall pursue any funds that may be available from the federal government for the
26 development and operation of a state-wide planning and mapping system for public
27 buildings and for the distribution of grants to the state agencies and political subdivisions
28 that participate in the system; and

29 (2) May accept gifts, grants, and contributions for the development and operation of a
30 state-wide planning and mapping system and for the distribution of grants to the state
31 agencies and political subdivisions that participate in the system.

32 (f) Each state agency and political subdivision that participates in the system shall, on or
33 before July 1, 2007, and on or before July 1 of each year thereafter, submit to the Georgia
34 Emergency Management Agency a progress report setting forth, in accordance with
35 regulations adopted by Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the experience of the
36 agency or political subdivision with respect to its participation in the system. The Georgia

1 Emergency Management Agency shall receive and process such progress reports and
2 provide to the General Assembly a summarized overview of the system on or before
3 October 1, 2007, and on or before October 1 of each year thereafter.

4 (g) After the state-wide mapping system is established pursuant to this Code section, each
5 state agency and political subdivision that participates in the system shall submit to the
6 Georgia Emergency Management Agency any initial or final plan for a public work."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

9 **SECTION 3.**

10 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.